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TAGS: BENC, EAIR, IV

SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT--NEW AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

REF: (A) 75 ABIDJAN A-96; (B) 76 ABIDJAN A-132

1. PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY HAS ANNOUNCED INTENT IN INTEREST NATIONAL UNIFICATION OF ESTABLISHING REGULAR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ABIDJAN AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS, EVEN WHEN SUCH SERVICE WOULD BE UNPROFITABLE. THIS POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY REDUCING FARES ON THE DOMESTIC AIRLINE, AIR IVOIRE, PURCHASING TWO ADDITIONAL F-28'S AND BUILDING NEW AIRPORTS AT 15 UP-COUNTRY SITES.

2. MEANWHILE, ABIDJAN-PORT BOUET AIRPORT IS TO BE EXPANDED AND UPGRADED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ENGINEERING STUDY COMPLETED BY PLESSEY OF U.K. \$16 MILLION OF THE COST IS TO BE FINANCED BY THE U.K. AND THE BALANCE IS TO BE DRAWN FROM A \$100 MILLION CITIBANK CREDIT PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

3. THE U.S. FIRM OF SPEAS REPORTEDLY VISITED IVORY COAST REGARDING THE AIRPORT PROJECTS BUT DID NOT CHOOSE TO BID. U.S. FIRMS MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE PORT BOUET  
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PROJECT AS SUB-CONTRACTORS AND IN UP COUNTRY AIRPORTS AS SUPPLIERS AND ENGINEERS.

4. REPAIRS (A) AND (B) PROVIDE DETAILS OF PROPOSED AIRPORT PROJECTS.  
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